



Wellington Point reserve at sunset

PARISH PROFILE

One Parish, Two Churches, God Focussed

Parish Priest position (full-time)

Expectations of the new priest

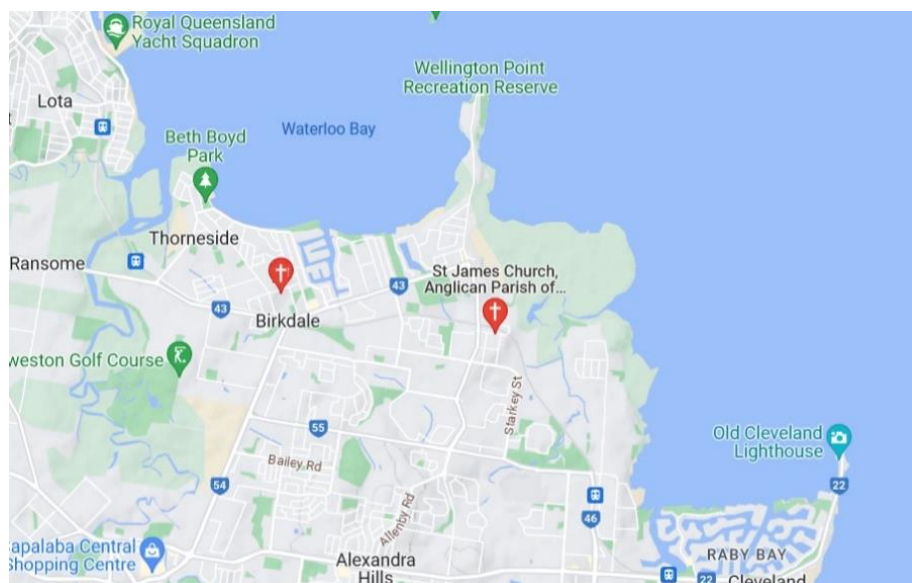
- Strong Shepherd
- Teaches and preaches the Bible as the inspired Word of God
- A prayerful leader, guided by the Holy Spirit
- Strong pastoral care focus
- Has a passion for service and justice
- Desire to see congregations grow in number and in faith
- Encourages fellowship
- Sound administrative skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Is comfortable with Anglican traditional and contemporary ways of worship

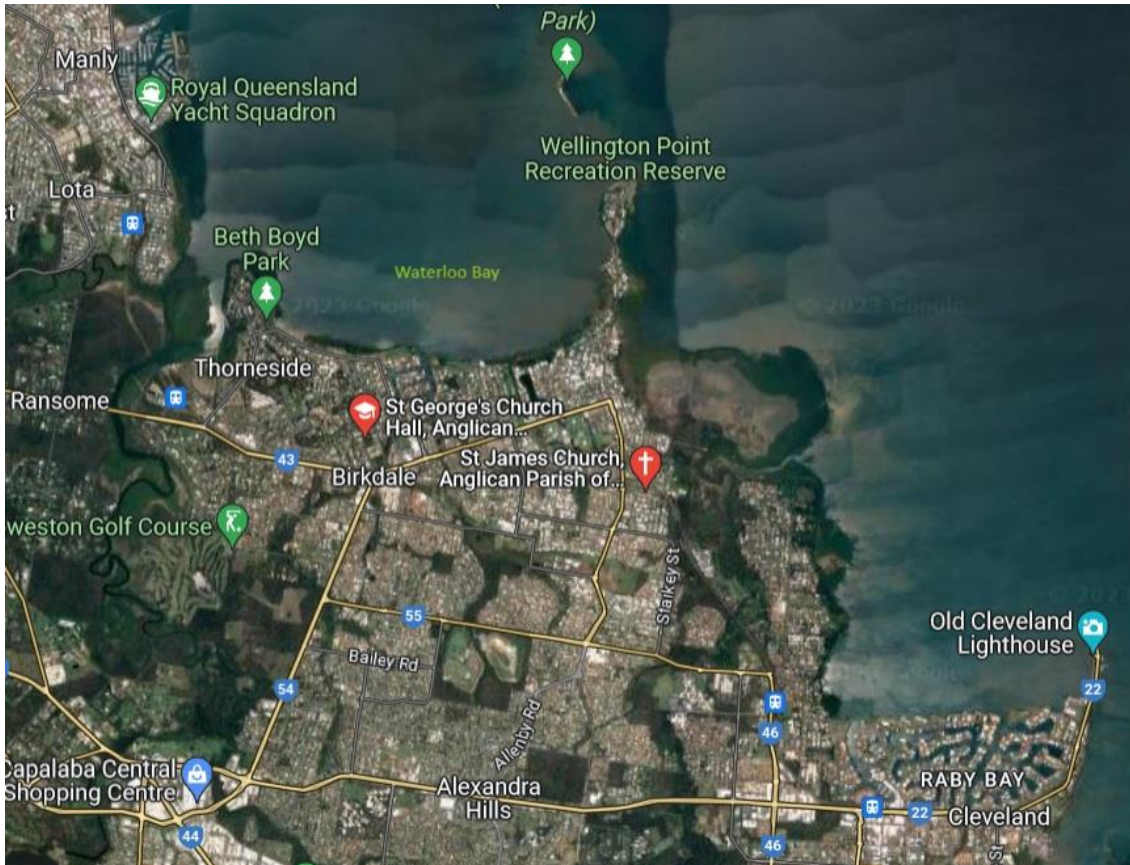
About our parish

The Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay is a benefice parish and is seeking a fulltime priest, with this position becoming vacant from 18th December 2023.

The parish is located within the beautiful area of Redland City and is about 22 km south-east of the Brisbane CBD. It takes in the bayside suburbs of Birkdale, Thorneside and Wellington Point and is close to the larger shopping and business districts of Cleveland, Capalaba and Carindale.

It is a lovely safe place to raise a family, in close proximity to, nice parks, local shops, supermarkets, and medical facilities, and has a mix of private and public schools in the area.





PARISH STRUCTURE

- **Parish Council** drawn from both worship centres and all 3 congregations, comprises nine councillors, including two church wardens and a treasurer. The Council meets on a monthly basis.
- A part-time administration officer looks after the administration and operational needs of the parish.

PARISH SITES

Our parish ministers in two churches: St George's, Birkdale and St James, Wellington Point. The Birkdale site includes a church, hall, rectory, parish office and a memorial garden. The Wellington Point site includes a church and hall.

Both sites are considered to have local or regional importance and are listed on Redland City Council's Local Heritage Register.



St Geroge's Church
Cnr Thorne Road and Victor Street, Birkdale



St James Church
Station Street, Wellington Point

St George's site

- St George's Church

St George's church at Birkdale seats 100 people. The foundation stone was blessed in 1934, and the church was dedicated in 1935.

Both Sunday services at St George's church are displayed on screen using data projection

- St George's Hall

St George's Hall was built in 1964 and had the addition of a storeroom and wheelchair accessible toilet added in 2019.

The hall can cater up to 80 people seated at tables, or over 100 seated for meetings etc.

St George's has a carpark that accommodates around 2 dozen vehicles, as well as parking in adjoining streets. Parish groups regularly use the hall, and it is also available to hire to community groups.

- Rectory

The rectory is located at 33 Thorne Rd, Birkdale on the St George's site. It was built in 1982. The rectory is a free-standing house with all living, bedrooms, dining, kitchen and study on one level, with laundry and storage under. Rear patio overlooking protected natural vegetation. Fully fenced back yard. It is currently undergoing renovations.



Rectory
33 Thorne Road, Birkdale

- **Parish office**

The airconditioned parish office is located at the back of St George's Hall. It is attended by the parish administration officer every Thursday 9am – 12md and other times by arrangement. The parish administration officer works from home on other days.

- **Memorial garden**

The parish memorial garden was established beside the rectory in 2000. It is lovingly maintained by parishioners.

St James site

- **St James Church**

St James church seats 50 people. It was originally built in 1889. St James church and its furnishings were moved to Wellington Point in 1913 and it celebrated its centenary in 2013.

- **St James Hall**

St James hall was purchased and moved to the site in the 1960's. It can cater up to 100 people seated at tables. St James hall is hired regularly by a variety of community groups.

How we worship

SUNDAY SERVICES

There are 3 regular services each Sunday, with a combined parish service on the fifth Sunday of the month.

- **7.15am at St George's church** – Eucharist service that follows the Second Order for Holy Communion in *A Prayer Book for Australia*, with hymns, psalm, prayers and notices projected using a PowerPoint presentation
- **9.00am at St George's church** – contemporary family service, with the full service prepared on a PowerPoint presentation. Sunday school starts in church then moves to the hall for Sunday school activities.
- **9.30am at St James church** –Eucharist service that follows the Second Order for Holy Communion in *A Prayer Book for Australia*, (with a morning prayer service held monthly)
- **8.00am on the fifth Sunday of the month** – a combined parish service is held at either St George's church or St James church. This allows all three congregations to worship as one and promotes fellowship amongst each of the congregations.

Each of these services are followed by a time of fellowship over tea or coffee and a chat.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

8.30am at St George's church – a morning prayer service lead by one of our Liturgical Assistants.

FRIENDSHIP SERVICE

This Eucharist service is held on the third Thursday each month at St George's church for those who may be unable to attend Sunday services, primarily the aged and infirm. Transport is provided if required. A morning tea and time of fellowship is provided following the service in St George's Hall. In December, a Christmas lunch is provided.

AGED CARE SERVICES

Services are held monthly in several local aged care facilities as either a Eucharist service (taken by clergy) or morning prayer (taken by a Liturgical Assistant). Volunteers support these services to help with music, readings etc.

Ministry

MINISTRY TEAM

Our ordained ministry team consists of a full-time stipend rector supported by a number of casual or retired clergy who live locally in the Redlands and who have a great fondness for the parish.

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Our parish is blessed to have a supportive community.

For our church services, our volunteers prepare church for worship, read lessons, welcome people as they arrive at each of the services, lead intercessions, count the offerings and prepare morning teas.

We also have dedicated parishioners who help with pastoral care, many outreach ministries and a variety of social and fundraising activities.

PASTORAL CARE

The Parish has a strong pastoral care focus. A small group of Parishioners drawn together by a calling to render love, care and assistance to members of the Parish offer pastoral care when needed.

The Prayer Chain offers prayers for parishioners and for the wider community as requested.

HOME GROUPS

There are a number of home groups which meet each week for Bible studies. Some groups use formal study material whilst others concentrate on the Readings for the week.

MAINLY MUSIC

Mainly music programs are held each Monday and Tuesday during school term for children from birth to 4 years old. Children are introduced to music, creativity and more, plus families are given a chance to think about the God-part of life.

MISSION SUPPORT

Waterloo Bay Parish provides active financial support, prayer support and/or volunteer support to:

- BCA partner Natalie Watson
- BMF partner Brisbane Valley
- SU Chaplain Emily Jewel (Wellington Point state school)
- SAILS@Bayside

The parish also actively supports:

- Samaritan's Purse with Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal
- Angel Tree (a program of Prison Fellowship Australia)
- Anglicare
- Christmas hampers for those in need in the community

Fellowship/social activities

- Board game nights
- Soup and firepit nights
- Church lunch/dinners
- Book club
- St James Guild
- Crafty Capers craft group
- Who Moved My Cheese social group
- Parish Family Christmas dinner

Fundraising information for 2023

- 2 Market days
- High tea/fashion parade
- Trivia night
- 2 Cent Auctions

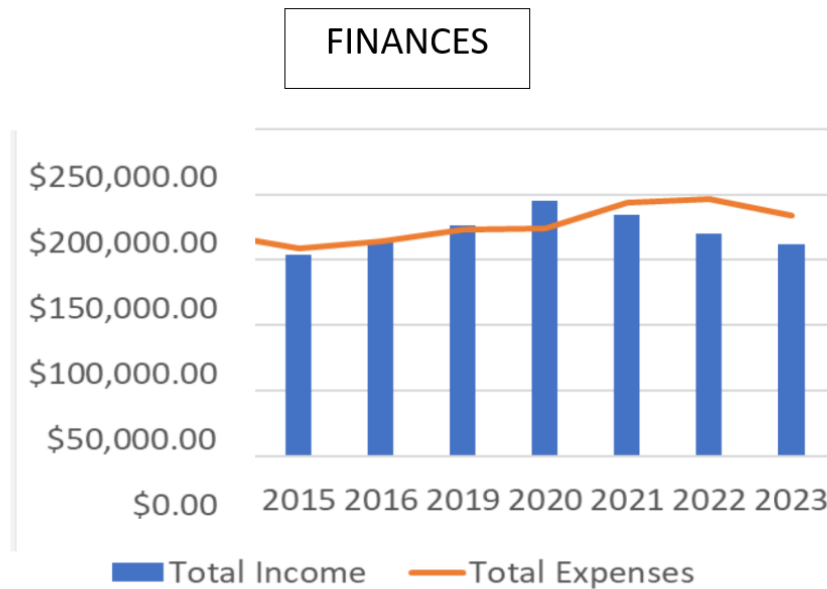
Parish statistics

Summary Indicators for Services, Vitality, and Giving

		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020A	2021	2022
SERVICES	Average Sunday Attendance	123	117	121	128	133	141	120	103	82
	Average Sunday Communicants	106	104	111	113	118	120	111	94	74
	Average Number of Children	14	12	17	20	20	18	11	7	5
	Christmas Day Attendance	159	131	117	112	141	144		77	92
	Christmas Eve Attendance	139	120	190	229	175	270		115	99
	Easter Day Attendance	179	209	230	235	306	192		99	134
	Average Midweek Attendance	6	6	4	6	8	11		9	
	Streaming Pastoral Services							Yes	Yes	Yes
	Digital Services							Regular	Regular	Regular
VITALITY	Number of New Adults		3	8	21	33	33	15	4	6
	Number of New Children		4	2	17	10	10	6	1	5
	Small Group Involvement		43%	41%	68%	71%	71%	85%	97%	122%
	Introduction to Christianity Courses		Annual	Annual	Annual	> Year	> Year	> Year	< Year	is than once a year
PASTORAL	Funerals	10	9	7	7	10	11	3	0	5
	Marriages	3	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
	Confirmations	0	2	0	3	12	4	0	3	0
	Baptisms (Child)	18	24	22	26	12	16	5	9	8
	Baptisms (Adult)	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
FINANCES	Income	\$171,099	\$156,154	\$165,583	\$179,292	\$187,293	\$182,152	\$204,345	\$197,863	\$170,167
	Offeritory	\$143,460	\$120,536	\$121,647	\$122,896	\$126,093	\$125,955	\$121,985	\$126,653	\$117,960
	Average Annual Offering per Adult	\$1,313	\$1,153	\$1,166	\$1,137	\$1,116	\$1,025	\$1,118	\$1,319	\$1,530
	Contribution	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$9,750	\$13,000	\$13,000
	Mission Giving	\$11,254	\$9,654	\$7,200	\$10,520	\$12,120	\$10,967	\$14,349	\$18,447	\$5,000

Parish finances

Parishioners have been faithful in their giving, and fundraising (social in nature) is undertaken to supplement financial needs. Waterloo Bay Parish has no debts.



Looking to the future

- Improve engagement with children and youth, and children and youth programs
- Growth in the number of young families in the parish
- Maintenance of site needs continual monitoring
- Addition of disabled toilet at St James Hall
- Provision of new video screens at St George's church
- A demountable office

Parish history

In 1989, Birkdale-Capalaba became a parish in its own right and renamed 'The Parish of Birkdale', which included St James Church at Wellington Point. In 2005 the parish was renamed Anglican Parish of Waterloo Bay. A parish logo was designed to coincide with the name change.

More information about our parish history and information about the logo can be found on our [website](#)¹.

[St George's history](#)²

[St James history](#)³

[Parish logo](#)⁴



We are a parish that seeks to be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit as we love and serve each other and our local community.

If you have a sense that God may be calling you to the Parish of Waterloo Bay and would like to discuss this further, please contact:

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¹ <https://www.waterloobay.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/>

² <https://www.waterloobay.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/st-george-s-history>

³ <https://www.waterloobay.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/st-james-history>

⁴ <https://www.waterloobay.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/parish-logo>



Combined services at St James and St George's



Palm Sunday at
St George's



Children's talk at Easter



Friendship service
morning tea



Firepit and soup
night



Parish Board Game Night



Market Day at St George's



Triva Night at St James Hall



St James church



St George's church